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1. REFTEL A PARA 3 REQUESTS REPORT ON HOW MANY REFUGEES IN EACH  
COUNTRY WERE IN EACH OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES ON JUNE 14. WE ASSUME  
THAT THIS REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE ONLY REFUGEES WHO HAVE EXPRESSED  
A DESIRE TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES AND ARE NOT BEING CONSIDERED  
BY A THIRD COUNTRY. WE CAN SEE NO REASON TO RESERVE NUMBERS FOR  
REFUGEES WHO ARE NOT LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR THE U S PROGRAM. WE  
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REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT CLARIFY WHICH REFUGEES SHOULD BE INCLUDED  
IN THE REPORT.

2. REFTEL B INDICATED THAT AT LEAST 2500 BOAT NUMBERS WOULD BE  
EARMARKED FOR THAILAND. WE DOUBT THAT THIS NUMBER, WHICH WE VIEW AS  
A FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE RTG, WILL BE ACHIEVED IF WE DRAW NUMBERS  
FROM A COMMON POOL FOR ALL INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES AS OUTLINED

REFTEL A. IN REFTEL C WE REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT ALLOCATE 395 NUMBERS FOR PRE-JUNE 14 REFUGEES APPROVED IN MAY AND JUNE, AND AN AVERAGE OF 210 BOAT NUMBERS PER MONTH FOR THE REMAINING 10 MONTHS OF LRP FROM JULY 1978 THROUGH APRIL 1979. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ALLOCATION IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE 2500 ACCEPTANCE TARGET IN A TIMELY FASHION.

3. REFTEL A PARA 6 SUGGESTS THAT THE HIGH PRIORITY UNDER CAT IV BE GIVEN TO THOSE BOAT REFUGEES WHO ARE EITHER RELATIVES OF PERSONS WHO ARRIVED IN THE U S AFTER 14 JUNE 1978, OR MARRIED SIBLINGS OF PERSONS IN THE U S. WE ASSUME THAT THE PROVISION FOR RELATIVES COVERS CLOSE RELATIVES AS DEFINED BY CATEGORY I OF THE LRP CRITERIA. WE WOULD ALSO PROPOSE, HOWEVER, TO RANK REFUGEES WITH DISTANT RELATIVES IN THE U S BELOW THOSE WITH CLOSE RELATIVES, YET HIGHER THAN OTHER CAT IV REFUGEES WHO HAVE NO RELATIVES IN THE U S. WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON THIS MATTER.

4. REFTEL A DOES NOT ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF ACCEPTANCE FOR REFUGEES PICKED UP BY NON-U.S. FLAG SHIPS. REPEATING THE THEME OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF REFTEL D, WE BELIEVE THAT SPECIAL PROVISIONS OR ALLOCATIONS SHOULD BE MADE FOR CASES OF THIS SORT SINCE FIRM ACCEPTANCE DECISIONS, INCLUDING A DEPARTURE DEADLINE FOR THE COUNTRY OF FIRST ASYLUM, MUST OFTEN BE MADE WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER A SHIP'S ARRIVAL. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL TO TRY TO CONSIDER SHIP REFUGEES UNDER THE REGULAR, PHASED LRP GUIDELINES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. CONCERNING THE PHASING OF THE LRP, WE BELIEVE THAT OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN THE APPLICATION OF MONTHLY QUOTAS IS VITAL. WE ASSUME THAT WHEN MONTHLY NUMBERS ARE ALLOCATED INS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THEIR INTERVIEWS BEFORE THE END OF A PARTICULAR MONTH. WE HOPE THAT THE MONTHLY PHASING AND ALLOCATION OF NUMBERS WILL BE FOR CONTROL PURPOSES ONLY, AND THAT ACTUAL INS PRESENTATION SCHEDULES WILL BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF INDIVIDUAL POSTS. O'DONOHUE

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